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SUBJECT: SAMPLE CASES OF CAT II AND III REFUGEES REMAINING IN THAILAND

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1. THERE FOLLOWS ADDITIONAL SAMPLE CASES OF REFUGEES REMAINING IN THAILAND. THE EXAMPLE BELOW ARE ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE MANY HIGHLY QUALIFIED CAT II AND III INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THAILAND.

2. CAT II -

A. POULIMA PRATHANE - FORMER MANAGER OF USAID PUBLIC WORKS/PAKSE SUPPLY SECTION. SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH, FRENCH AND THAI.

B. SICHANH SITHAVONG - FORMER MEDICAL SUPERVISOR OF US DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE/VIENTIANE, LAOS UNTIL JUNE 1975. HAS BACCALAUREATE I AND II FROM THE LYCEE D'VIENTIANE. SPEAKS FLUENT LAO, THAI, ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

C. VONGSANY VONGSUI - SERVED AS AGRICULTURAL TECHNICIAN USAID/LAOS UNTIL JUNE 1975. BACC I AND II FROM LYCEE D'VIENTIANE. SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH, LAO AND THAI.

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D. BANASAK PHETRADAPHONE - CHIEF CASHIER AND PAYROLL

OFFICER US EMBASSY VIENTIANE UNTIL JUNE 1975. SPEAKS FLUENT LAO, ENGLISH, THAI AND FRENCH. RECEIVED TBATEC FROM THE LYCEE COMMERCIALE, VIENTIANE, LAOS.

3. CAT III -

A. SOKH KIM VANG - AGE 23, UNIVERSITY STUDENT, PAILIN, CAMBODIA. LANGUAGES: FLUENT ENGLISH, FRENCH, KHMER, CHINESE, VIETNAMESE AND THAI. WAS A STUDENT LEADER AND ACTIVELY ORGANIZED STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST KHMER ROUGE FROM 1969 UP THROUGH AND AFTER THE FALL OF PHNOM PENH IN APRIL 1975. AFTER THE FALL OF PHNOM PENH, VANG LED UNDERGROUND STUDENT OPPOSITION TO THE KHMER ROUGE TAKEOVER AND ORGANIZED RELIEF ACTIVITIES IN HIS PROVINCE FOR REFUGEES FLEEING THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF CAMBODIA. AS KHMER ROUGE MILITARY CONTROL BEGAN TO EMERGE IN HIS PROVINCE, VANG ORGANIZED AN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD SYSTEM FOR REFUGEES ESCAPING TO THAILAND AND DID NOT LEAVE UNTIL ALL OF THE PEOPLE HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR HAD LEFT CAMBODIA SAFELY. VANG ARRIVED IN THAILAND IN AUGUST 1975.

B. COLONEL BU TITH - KHMER ARMY, AGE 44, SERVED AS PROVINCE CHIEF OF KOMPONG CHAM FROM 1963 TO 1969, LATER BECAME SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO SISOWATH SIRAKMATAK AND ASSUMED DUTIES FOR THE DEFENSE OF PHNOM PENH FROM 1971 TO 1974. REFUGEE'S WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN WERE LEFT BEHIND DURING THE EVACUATION AND RECENT INFORMATION COMING OUT OF CAMBODIA HAS INDICATED THAT BU TITH'S FAMILY WERE ALL EXECUTED SHORTLY AFTER THE KHMER ROUGE TAKEOVER.

C. NGUYEN HUU THU - CAPTAIN, SOUTH VIETNAM AIR FORCE, AGE 30. THU HAS A B. A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM SAIGON UNIVERSITY. RECEIVED TRAINING IN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE UNDER US AUSPICES IN OKINAWA IN 1968 AND ATTENDED THE AIR OFFICER INTELLIGENCE COURSE AT LOWREY AFB, COLORADO IN 1971. REFUGEE SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND WAS ELECTED BY HIS REFUGEE CAMP-MATES AS CAMP COMMANDER SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL IN THAILAND IN EARLY MAY OF 1975.

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D. QUACH HUNG CHANH - AGE 32. FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF VIETNAM. B.A. IN ECONOMICS, VAN HANH UNIVERSITY, SAIGON 1966. SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH, VIETNAMESE AND CHINESE.

E. SOM KOL - AGE 43. MAJOR, KHMER ARMY. SUBJECT WAS SECTOR COMMANDER OF PAILIN FROM 1970 TO 1975 AND

WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL INTERNAL SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES OF THE PROVINCE. HE EVACUATED HIMSELF AND FAMILY ONLY AFTER SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE EVACUATION OF TROOPS UNDER HIS COMMAND. HAS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN NIGHTTIME RAIDS ACROSS THE CAMBODIAN BORDER AGAINST KHMER ROUGE POSITIONS. HAS BEEN AN ACTIVE ORGANIZER OF RESISTANCE EFFORTS INSIDE CAMBODIA AND HAS SERVED AS THE COMMANDER OF THE WATCHAMAN REFUGEE CAMP IN CHANTHABURI, THAILAND.

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F. MADAME EK NATH - FORMER QUEEN OF CAMBODIA, AGE 70. SUBJECT WAS WIFE OF FORMER CAMBODIAN KING SISOWATH MANIVONG. INCLUDED IN THIS CASE ARE HER GRANDSON SISOWATH MONILEAKHANA, GRANDSON OF KING SISOWATH MANIVONG AND HER NEPHEW NORODOM CHHAVANRAINGSEY, GRANDSON OF NORODOM SIHANOUK. ROYAL FAMILY FLED CAMBODIA AFTER THE FALL OF PHNOM PENH IN APRIL 1975 AND HAVE BEEN LIVING ON A SUBSIDY PROVIDED TO THEM BY THE ROYAL FAMILY OF THAILAND. IN VIEW OF NORODOM SIHANOUK'S DECLINING POSITION IN THE KHMER ROUGE GOVERNMENTAL HIERARCHY, THE THAI ROYAL FAMILY PLANS TO TERMINATE THIS SUBSIDY SOON, THEREBY MAKING THE CAMBODIAN ROYAL FAMILY IN THAILAND, DESTITUTE. FAMILY SPEAKS ENGLISH, FRENCH AND KHMER. FAMILY DOES NOT WISH TO RESETTLE IN FRANCE BECAUSE OF PRESSURE ON THEM BY LEFT-WING KHMER RESIDING IN PARIS, NOT TO COME THERE.

G. KAO OUTSAMA - FORMER CULTURAL ATTACHE, LAO

EMBASSY, BANGKOK. AGE 41. SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH, FRENCH, THAI AND LAO. HAS MASTERS DEGREE IN PHILOSOPHY FROM THE ECOLE SUPERIEURE DE THEOLIGIE, SOLIGNAC, FRANCE AND A MASTERS DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM THE ECOLE PRATIQUE DES HAUTES ETUDES, SORBONNE, PARIS. IN 1967, PARTICIPATED IN AN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PLANNING COMMISSION FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SOCIETE SEDES. FROM 1968 TO 1972 WAS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL PLANNING, MINISTRY OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EDUCATION, ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT. SUBJECT DOES NOT WISH TO SETTLE IN FRANCE BECAUSE OF LEFTIST LAO PRESSURES IN THAT COUNTRY TO DISCOURAGE HIS COMING THERE.

H. SYHANATH CAMPHET - FORMER CONSUL GENERAL, LAO CONSULATE GENERAL, CHAING MAI, THAILAND. AGE 37. SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH, FRENCH, THAI, LAO AND VIETNAMESE. WHITEHOUSE

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